

Issue: Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Continues at General Mills Superfund Site -- Minneapolis, MN

Background/Status:

In December 2013, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency notified the public that sub-slab sampling at the General Mills/Henkel Corp. Superfund Site in Minneapolis showed contaminant concentrations in vapor that exceed health-based screening levels. Since then, General Mills has installed vapor mitigation systems for 92 homes under MPCA oversight and expects to install systems in about 50 more homes. MPCA has implemented an extensive community involvement plan. TCE contamination in groundwater is the cause of the vapor problem. EPA does not have a direct role in overseeing the actions since this is a State enforcement lead site, but EPA does offer technical support when requested by MPCA. EPA is also assisting with MPCA's Five-Year Review of the groundwater remedy.

Message:

- EPA provides technical assistance for the vapor mitigation ongoing at the General Mills Superfund Site.
- The State oversees the work done by General Mills and conducts extensive community involvement.
- General Mills has installed vapor mitigation systems at 92 homes so far.

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